

Australian Capital Territory

# Official Visitor (Disability Services) Appointment 2019 (No 1)

**Disallowable instrument DI2019-202**

made under the -

*Official Visitor Act 2012*, s 10(1)(c)

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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Section 10(1)(c) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least one official visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*. The function of Official Visitors (OVs) is to work to protect human rights in different environments. OVs operate in the ‘closed’ environments of youth and adult corrections and mental health, and in ‘open’ environments including disability and homelessness services.

This instrument appoints Narelle Hargreaves for the purposes of the *Disability Act 1991*. The Minister for Disability, Children and Youth has recommended the appointment of Narelle Hargreaves as a person who is experienced and well-qualified.

As required under s 10(2) of the OV Act, the appointing Minister has consulted with the operational Minister (being the Minister for Disability, Children and Youth) and is satisfied on reasonable grounds that Narelle Hargreaves has suitable qualifications or experience to exercise the functions of Official Visitor for the purposes of the *Disability Services Act 1991*.

Narelle Hargreaves is not excluded from appointment by being a public employee or holding a relevant interest as defined under s 10(3) of the OV Act.

The proposed appointee is not a public servant as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001*.